



Our Lady Star of the Sea

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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The woman came and did Jesus homage, saying,
“Lord, help me.” - Mt 15:25

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OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Mondays No Daily Mass
Tuesdays 5:00 pm Rosary & Adoration,
 5:30 pm Daily Mass
Wednesdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Thursdays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Fridays 7:30 am Rosary, 8:00 am Daily Mass
Saturdays 4:30 pm Rosary, 5:00 pm Mass
 (except on Holy Saturday)
Sundays 10:30 am Rosary, 11:00 am Mass
Confessions
 Saturday 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm or by Appointment
 1st Fridays 8:00 am Mass @ Historic Chapel
 9:00 am - 9:00 pm Adoration of
 the Blessed Sacrament
 1st Saturdays 10:00 am Adoration, Rosary, Mass

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Wednesdays 6:00 pm Daily Mass
 Sundays 8:30 am Mass
 Confessions 30 minutes before Mass or by Appointment



PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Doris A. Adams, Doris Thomas, Ron McBee, Cheryl Burke, Hailey Moody, Joseph and Deborah Mroz, Felicia Fink, Lee Blais, Ducky Marx, Janet Gusgeski, Carole Linker, Peggy Schwarting, Michelle Ng, Braeden Hormann, Donald Koski, Cathy Mulcahy, Christopher Clay Field, Lana Miltenberg, Logan Hackney, Kathy Mulcahy, Ann Chartrand, Marguerite Paddock, Jenna Pethel, Jennifer Moran, Mac and Peggy Maurin, Michael Manfredi, Sherri Lynn Jokic, Robert Allatin, Rhonda Avides, Ivy Luna, Ron Petry, Linda Perry, Matthew Rowan, Denis McShane, Fr. Eric Vogt, Carol Riley, Linda Jordan, Evelyn Meaux, Kieran Gaughan Jr., David Bliton, Annie Hyver, Elizabeth Newcity, Buck Johnson, Mary Fouraker, Lithornia Simmons, Leo Provanzano, Greg Williamson, Tom Meyer, Peggy Hurley, Steve Puckett, Samantha Evans, Ferdinand Von Behren, Lauren Sullivan, Jim Kline, Gale Herring, James Ventella, Jarrod Conley, Leny Logan, Anna Rotondi, Bob & Marie Devine, Agnes Rodman, Mike Blackerby, Michelle Logan, Jim Kane, Robert Morris, Everett Harvell, Tommy Evans, Emily Edmonds, Mary Panfil, Emma Maniscalco, Mita Byers, Mely Andino, Benjamin Solamon, Anna DeMartino, Fr. Leahy, Marie & Tony Franzese, Katy Sherrill, Nathaniel Evans, Xavier Van Moer, Jim Walsh, Tim Roberson, Judy Bailey, Enzo and Maria Lopez, Joyce Rinck, Kitty Rodriguez, David Cocomazzi, Carol Campbell, Thurston Armstrong, Frank & Ruth McNeil, Dr. Patrick Moreo, William David (Dub) Shepard, Lenda Morris, Rhonda Peterson, Daniel Brausch, Gael Aodue, Emma Sizemore, Tom O'Shaughnessy, Claire Walsh

TO ADD A NAME TO THE PRAYER LIST PLEASE EMAIL; OFFICE@WEAREOLSS.ORG

Sometimes the swine get the pearls

A lot of people are not going to approve of your homily this week. Just know this ahead of time and brace yourself. Matthew is not interested in making you popular in the pulpit apart from a few nice Christmas stories anyway. But with the story of the Canaanite woman, you're bound to be an equal-opportunity offender.

How do you approach a story in which Jesus is, by some standards, a stickler if not a bit of a stinker when it comes to the rules? This is not the Jesus we are used to, not the one willing to break a commandment to heal someone who's been sick a lifetime and could certainly wait another day to be cured under those circumstances. The Jesus we like best is the one who is so anxious to heal the suffering and feed the hungry and rescue the endangered that all the rules of physics and possibility and reason are suspended if they get in the way. The Jesus born of a virgin and risen from the dead doesn't normally get dainty around the idea of limits. And while the Jesus we are used to is perfectly willing to call the original religious sticklers "snakes and broods of vipers," it is hard to imagine him referring to a helpless woman with a sick child as a dog.

So here's your rock and your hard place. Either you defend the original position of Jesus as the redeemer of the "lost sheep of the house of Israel," which makes you sound just as rigid around the rules as he does—or you say Jesus was wrong and the woman was right, and even Jesus came to see it that way. This will make certain of your low-Christology parishioners very happy, and your high-Christology crowd mad as hornets. Good luck with that.

Send her away

This dilemma leads many of us at the ambo this weekend wanting to say, as the disciples did: Send her away! This woman is trouble, no doubt about it. But then we remember that, two weeks ago, the disciples also looked at a crowd of hungry people at the end of a long day of healing and came up with the same answer: Send them away! When folks come to Jesus with their needs, the disciples always see a problem they can't solve and don't want to deal with.

"Send them away" is the age-old response of the well fed at the unwelcome sight of the beggar. Dogs may well get the scraps from their table, but Lazarus always remains miserable at their gates.

Jesus, however, does not send this woman away. Nor does he offer her a word of welcome, no "Courage, daughter," or anything like that. We sense the tension. On the one hand, she's in need, and that automatically arouses the compassion of Jesus. Also, she's called him "Lord" and "Son of David," two titles of reverent faith that he rarely hears in Israel coming from a foreigner. Jesus has got to be both moved and impressed. But he's also impeded by the very instructions he gave to his disciples not long ago: "Do not go into pagan territory or enter a Samaritan town." He said that. What to do, however, when the pagans come out to you?

What else did Jesus say in those instructions before the mission of the apostles? Cure the sick, drive out demons. Give without cost. Look for the worthy person, the one who will receive you and listen to your words. Jesus did say those things, too. And here was a worthy woman, one who had heard of his words and took them to heart, one with a daughter with a demon in need of being driven out. No wonder Jesus didn't answer right away. Nor could he, obviously, send her away.

Matthew's dilemma

The second generation of the church, circa the 80s, was in the midst of a full-blown identity crisis. The community gathered around the writer of Matthew in Syrian Antioch was mostly Jewish. They were Christian Jews, to be sure. But according to the new rulings coming out of the synagogues, there was no such thing as a Christian Jew. Either you were one or the other. Those who chose Christ would be anathema to the Jewish assembly, cast out of their midst. "Send them away" was the official pronouncement.

It was a very confusing time for those who were convinced that to be a follower of Jesus was to be devoutly and quintessentially Jewish. It was equally distressing to those Christian Jews who were fearful that admitting Gentiles to the faith would dilute the Jewishness of this message beyond recognition.

In writing his gospel Matthew recreates the theatre of his generation's great argument within the story of the generation of Jesus. On one side, you have the great acceptance of the Gentile world: Magi bearing gifts, the faith-filled centurion, this feckless mother. Even the Gadarene demoniacs were right as rain about Jesus, despite being crazy as loons. The final post-Resurrection commissioning of the disciples is adamantly pro-Gentile in its scope.

But weighted as ballast against this "universalist" vision is the "particularist" understanding of the mission of the apostles. These instructions are so glaringly opposite everything else in Matthew that they must be grounded in history. Yet the position is so at odds with the way Jesus regularly behaves that the particularist position must be reiterated here in the story of the Canaanite woman.

Here stands a woman, strong, unhesitant, and persistent in her faith. Contrast her with Peter's weak, fearful, and wavering stance on the water last week and see why Jesus found her so appealing. In his ultimate response to her, Jesus demonstrates what Matthew hopes his community will imitate: that obedience to instruction must always give way in light of great faith. You just can't argue the rulebook in the face of compelling discipleship.

Reconciling the poles

I've gotten several letters just this week from folks worried that unworthy people are receiving the Eucharist. Shouldn't "known homosexuals, liberals, and divorced people" be barred from the sacraments, and isn't the priest committing a "sacrilege" to admit them? Particularists and universalists are rarely going to sit down together to share a meal—unless of course it's the Eucharist. And this was Matthew's point, and should be ours. Some folks will remain convinced that the church is not in the business of feeding dogs.

Related scripture links

Do not go into pagan territory: *Matt. 10:5-15*
Gentile-positive stories: *Matt. 2:1-12; 8:5-13; 8:28-34; 28:16-20*
Wisdom's role in creation: *Prov. 22:8-31*
The new creation in Christ: *2 Cor. 5:17; Eph. 2:10*

[Catechism links](#) The response of faith: CCC 439; 448; 2610

MASS INTENTIONS

Offering Mass for a special Intention is a long-standing tradition in the Catholic Church. It is usually considered that special graces are obtained for whom the Mass is said. Masses are offered for many reasons: for the souls in purgatory, in remembrance for someone who is deceased, or in honor of a birthday or anniversary. If you would like to have a Mass said for someone, go to the Parish Office to get on the schedule. Cards are then given to you so that you can mail them to whomever you choose to so they may also participate in the Mass. The stipend or offering given, (\$10 or more) signifies the sacrificial nature of giving of something of yourself to associate more intimately with Christ who offers himself in the Eucharist.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

08/19/23 - 5:00 pm Saturday Vigil

*For the repose of the soul of
Jan & Helena Kuchta*

08/20/23 - TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 AM - (St. Francis)

11:00 AM (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

For the repose of soul of Judy Spiegel

08/21/23 - Monday: **NO MASS**

08/22/23 - Tuesday: 5:30 PM Mass

08/23/23 - Wednesday 8:00 AM Mass

*For the repose of soul of
Ianthe Brathwaite*

08/23/23 - Wednesday 6:00 PM Mass at ASFOA

08/24/23 - Thursday 8:00 AM Mass

For the repose of soul of Judy Spiegel

08/25/23 - Friday: 8:00 AM Mass

*For the repose of soul of
Maria Garcia Buitron*

08/26/23 - Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM

*For the grace of healing for
Kelly Langham*

**08/27/23 - TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 AM - (St. Francis Mission)

Birthday blessing for Terri

11:00 AM - (Our Lady Star of the Sea)

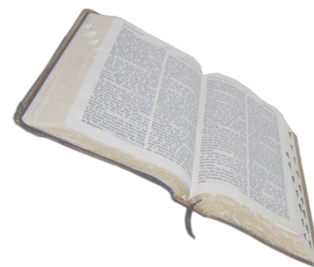
*For the repose of the soul of
Rebecca Santos Matias*

WELCOME VISITORS!

We extend a warm welcome to the individuals and families who are celebrating with us today. We invite you to register with our Parish Family. You can fill out a registration form online or find one in the narthex.

Readings for the week of August 20, 2023

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (4)/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
 Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22
 Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30
 Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16
 Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51
 Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40
 Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12
 Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 (8bc)/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20



VIRTUS

Protecting God's Children

The next Virtus Training will be on Saturday August 26, 2023, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the Social Hall. To register for the training please visit www.virtusonline.org and click on first registrant box. Follow the directions and click on the upcoming Virtus Training box to register. Any questions, please contact Norberto Caez at caez@tds.net or (912) 673-6085 after 4:00 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Registration for our 2023-24 Religious Education is now open online on our website.

Please go to <https://weareolss.org/pparish-life/education> to complete the registration form.

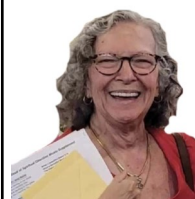
Walking the Camino de Santiago/ The Way of St. James

Tuesday, August 22nd 6:30—7:30 PM
 St. Michael's Parish Hall
 225 N 4th Street, Fernandina, FL

Presentations by Greg Shurman, Fr. Ernie Davis and Valerie Davis
 For more information contact gregory.shurman@gmail.com





CAMINO DE SANTIAGO



Spiritual direction for women:

Ladies if you are interested in having a trained spiritual director to help guide and walk with you as you deepen your relationship with God, please call Michelle Collins at 912-322-8971 to schedule an appointment.

OLSS COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 13, 2023	AUGUST 14, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ 6,932.50 	COLLECTION - \$ 6,385.71
MAINTENANCE - \$ 555.00 	MORTGAGE - \$ 1,657.00

SFOA COMPARISON FROM LAST YEAR

AUGUST 13, 2023	AUGUST 14, 2022
COLLECTION - \$ TBA	COLLECTION - \$ 796.00
MAINTENANCE - \$ TBA	MORTGAGE - \$ 356.00

OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH SERVICES

Good Samaritan Food Pantry: Our Lady Star of the Sea parish with the wonderful support of the parishioners provide food for families and individuals in need in our community. We are open Tuesdays, Wednesday and Thursdays from 9am - 12pm

Altar Servers: Always looking for new altar servers and experienced altar servers. For more information contact church office at 912-882-4718

Catholic Youth Ministry: For more information email Kristie and Bryant Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

RCIA: Adults interested in learning about the Catholic Church call Ray Meaux at 912-882-2343

Bereavement Ministry: A group of volunteers who deliver food to grieving families at the time of their loss and/or assist the church in providing hospitality after a funeral service. Contact person is Victoria Brooks 912-322-6857

Shut-ins & Hospitalized Family Members: When You or your loved one is getting ready for a planned surgery or procedure or things unplanned happens and we end up in the hospital Please Notify Parish Office at 912-882-4718

Religious Education: Sundays during the school year September 10, 2023 ~ May 12th, 2024, 9:15am-10:30am at the Religious Ed Building. Email Bryant and Kristie Shepard at relregioused@weareolss.org

Ladies Auxiliary: uses their skills and talents in a wide variety of roles. Anyone who is ill or in the hospital, if they would like a prayer blanket, Contact Sally Caez at caez@tds.net /912-552-1155

The **Knights of Columbus (K of C)** is a global Catholic fraternal service order founded by Fr. Michael J. McGivney on March 29, 1882, It has grown to support refuge relief, Catholic education, local parishes and dioceses, and global Catholic social and political causes. Membership is limited to practicing Catholic men. For more info Contact Norberto Caez- KofC@weareolss.org

Ushers: Provide a welcoming presence to parishioners and visitors as they enter the church. If interested in becoming an usher, please church office at 912-882-4718

Father's Hospitality Angels: Volunteers dedicated to serving our priest and parish through sacramental receptions, welcoming newcomers, children's movie nights, Senior Home Outreach, and much more. We host many fundraising events throughout the year to fully support our ministry and special projects. If you would like to spread your wings and join us, we meet the 1st Wednesday of the month at 6PM in the Social Hall or call Victoria Brooks for more information - 912-322-6857

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

October 20-22, 2023 | Near Augusta, GA

Do you or someone you know have emotional, spiritual or psychological pain due to a past abortion? If so, there is a ministry just for you. At a Rachel's Vineyard Ministry retreat you can find help, hope, and healing through their post-abortion weekends.

For more information:

912-306-0406 | rachelsvineyard.org
stephaniemay135@gmail.com

Complete confidentiality will be honored at all times. Take the risk and find the peace and healing you have been searching for.



Father's angels are now accepting donations for their **garage sale**. We have the trailer and are accepting your used working treasures!

Drop offs accepted Monday through Friday 9-2 daily .
Weekends by appointment only ! Yard sale Saturday
September 9th all day!

This is the Angel's biggest annual fundraiser and past proceeds have gone to new tables and chairs in the social hall, new flooring in the social hall, dvd players for all RE classrooms, landscaping in front of our church, Mary's Grotto, it supports the birthday cakes for our senior centers, kid's movie night, and so much more! You can help by donating to this year's yard sale!

Thank you !

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